

February 15, 2002

TO: Recipients of Legislative Memos  
FROM: David A. Vogler, Legal Counsel  
SUBJECT: Legislative Memo #5 for the 2002 Session

Attached is the fifth Legislative Memo of the year. You probably noticed that no memo came out for the week of February 4 – 8. This memo will cover both that week and this last week.

For the week of February 4 – 8 hearings were held on the following bills:

LB 936 Authorize drainage programs and sewer systems for NRD's  
LB 1026 Adopt the Water Rights Leasing Act  
LB 1230 Require MUD to make payments to counties for water and gas  
LB 1288 Change Niobrara Council powers and duties

For the week of February 11-14 hearings of interest included:

LB 940 Change penalty and enforcement provisions for illegal wells  
LB 1066 Change penalty for violations of NRD cease and desist orders

As of now there are no natural resources related bills of interest scheduled for the week of February 19-22. As you can see from the attached very little action has been taken on bills of interest to date.

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Enclosure

**2002 LEGISLATIVE MEMO #5****LB 458: Water Well Board Report**

LB 458 (with amendments – see Memo #4) is resting on select file and has not appeared on the Legislative Agenda.

**LB 889: Amend the Water Well Standards and Contractor's Licensing Board**

Remains in Committee

**LB 890: Amend the Water Well Registration Fee Structure**

Remains in Committee

**LB 936: Authorize Drainage Programs for NRD's**

Remains in Committee

**LBs 937/938: Authorize New Uses of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Fund**

Remains in Committee

**LB 940: Enforcement of Water Well Registration Statutes**

Remains in Committee

**LB 941: Miscellaneous Department Fees**

Indefinitely Postponed

**LB 1023: Water Policy Task Force**

Committee priority, placed on General File.

**LB 1026: Adopt the Water Rights Leasing Act**

Remains in Committee

**LB 1066: Violations of Cease and Desist Orders**

Remains in Committee

**LB 1161: MUD/Cities of the Primary Class to Pay for County Services and Facilities**

Indefinitely Postponed

**LB 1219: Appropriate Funds to the Natural Resources Commission**

Remains in Committee

**LB 1230: MUD to Pay Counties for Retail Water and Gas Sales**

Indefinitely Postponed

**LB 1272: Create the Environmental Response Contingency Fund**

Remains in Committee

**LB 1288: Change Niobrara Council Powers**

Indefinitely Postponed

**LEGISLATIVE MEMO #5**  
**STATUS REPORT – 2002 SESSION**

**NOTE: Changes from the last memo are shown in bold**

<b>LB #</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Committee/ Hearing Info.</b>	<b>Applicable Legis. Memo(s)</b>	<b>Status (e-d: te)</b>
57	Sales tax/public records		1	S
120	Ag land values		1	C
121e	Base limitation/lid		1	C
161	Poli. Sub. Tort claims		1	G
259	Counties/Occ. Tax/vacate roads?		1	F
290	Ag land at 50%		1	C
301	Eng. & Arch. Act/triggers	HHS/2-8;1:30	1	G
355	Poli. Sub. Tort Claims/2 years		1	G
404	State Water Task Force		1	G
447	NRDs/Counties/Close Roads		1	IP
458	Water Well Board Report		1,2,4,5	S
504	Approp. for NREF		1	C
568ePB	Budget date/e-filing		1	F
600PB	Ag land/net earning value		1	G
628	State 404 program		1	C
632	NGPC/# of members		1	C
634	DOA fees/NREF		1	G
635	Approp. for NREF #2		1	C
636	Nat. Heritage Plates		1	C
708	Lottery/Env. Trust 14.5%		1	IP
709	NRD/Em. dom./rec. use		1	C
731	Vacancies/elected boards		1	IP
758PB&A	Fertilizer fee/excess/UNL		1	G
763	Storage/dams/LWCF		1,2	G
764	Stormwater/assess areas		1	C
777	Amends to Nebr. NG-ESCA		1	G
778	NGPC/confidentiality		1	G
785	Railroad/Em. dom./DNR		1	C
791PB	Lottery/18% to funds		1	G
813e	Public facility financing		1	C
837e	DNR hearings/NRD/county		1	C
889	Well Stand./Contractor's Lic.	N.R./1-23;1:30	2,5	C
890	Well Regis. Fee Structure	N.R./1-23;1:30	2,5	C
891	ET Admin. Structure	N.R./1-25;1:30	2	G
903	Interstate Compact Sunshine Act	Gov./1-31;1:30	2	IP
936	Authorize Drainage Programs	N.R./2-7;1:30	2,5	C
937	NE Soil & Water Cons. Fund	N.R./1-23;1:30	2,5	C
938	NE Soil & Water Cons. Fund	N.R./1-23;1:30	2,5	C

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940	Enforce. of Well Regis. Statutes	N.R./ <b>2-13;1:30</b>	<b>2,5</b>	C
941	Misc. Department Fees	N.R./1-31;1:30	<b>2,4,5</b>	<b>IP</b>
<b>1023PB</b>	Water Policy Task Force	N.R./1-24;1:30	<b>2,5</b>	<b>G</b>
1026	Adopt Water Rights Leasing Act	N.R./2-7;1:30	2	C
1066	Violations/Cease & Desist Orders	N.R./ <b>2-13;1:30</b>	<b>2,5</b>	C
1161	Water Suppliers Pay Coun. Serv.	U.A./1-29;1:30	<b>3,5</b>	<b>IP</b>
1219	Approp. Funds to NRC	App./2-13;1:30	<b>3,5</b>	C
1230	MUDs/Retail Water & Gas Sales	U.A./2-5;1:30	<b>3,5</b>	<b>IP</b>
1272	Env. Resp. Cont. Fund/Lottery	N.R./ <b>2-20;1:30</b>	<b>3,5</b>	C
1288	Niobrara Council Powers	N.R./2-7;1:30	<b>3,5</b>	<b>IP</b>
1291	Scrap Tire Grant Trust/ET	N.R./ <b>2-13;1 :30</b>	3	C

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